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Sir:

In response to the written Restriction Requirement dated September 18, 2001 in the aboveidentified patent application, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group I (claims 1-15), without traverse.

A Preliminary Amendment canceling the non-elected claims and presenting the elected invention as new claims 25-39 also accompanies this Election.

As the species, Applicants hereby elect IFN chimeras.

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